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To the attention of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Jan Lipavský

Cc: President of the Council of the European Union, Charles Michel,
Cc: President of the European Commission, Ursula Von der Leyen
Cc: High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,
Josep Borrell Fontelles
Cc: European Commissioner for Energy, Kadri Simson

Brussels, on 14th November 2022

Dear Minister,

We, **mayors of the Climate Mission cities**, are doing everything in our power to accomplish a reimagining of our cities unlike anything the world has ever seen. The transition is difficult but will ultimately benefit our citizens, cities and those who follow in our paths. A large part of the **transition to net zero is acceleration**: more public transport, more efficiency, more circularity, more renewables, etc. It is also about stopping. In this case stopping the burning of fossil fuels.

While we accelerate the energy transition, we depend on our fellow leaders at national and European level to provide the 'stopping'. In this case, stopping the Energy Charter Treaty by withdrawing from it. Fundamentally, the timeline for even a revised Energy Charter Treaty is too late for our collective ambition of Net Zero by 2030.

The so-called "*agreement in principle*" on the modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty, if adopted, at the **Energy Charter Conference meeting planned for November 22nd in Mongolia**, as proposed by the European Commission to the European Council will extend protection of existing foreign investment in all fossil fuels at least until 2033 and in gas at least until 2043.



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The specter of unnecessary legal challenges to our transformative plans under the revised Energy Charter Treaty will only serve to bleed resources away from other efforts and bring delay.

We have a clear choice to make: we can aspire and strive and work for Net Zero by 2030 in our cities as we have committed with the European Commission or EU countries can remain in the Energy Treaty Charter. We cannot do both.

On November 22nd the European Commission must reject the so-called “agreement in principle” and initiate the procedure to withdraw the EU and to coordinate the notification to the Energy Charter Secretariat of EU and Member States’ withdrawal.

We thank you very much for your attention

Signatures:

Mayors of the Mission Climate Neutral Cities 2030

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